

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 5 with the following:

--**Figure 7** shows the amino acid and nucleotide sequence for mouse SSG (SEQ ID NOS:1 and 2).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 6 with the following:

--**Figure 8** shows the amino acid and nucleotide sequence for human SSG (SEQ ID NOS:3 and 4).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 7 with the following:

--**Figure 9** shows a comparison between the mouse (SEQ ID NO:1) and human (SEQ ID NO:3) SSG amino acid sequences.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 18 with the following:

--**Figure 14** illustrates the cDNA cloning and genomic organization of SSG (or ABCG5) (**A**). The predicted human and mouse proteins share 80% identity and are 28% identical to *Drosophila* Brown. Human SSG (SEQ ID NO:4) contains 13 exons (SEQ ID NOS:7-19) and spans at least 25kb of genomic DNA (**B**). 5' splicing sites (SEQ ID NOS:21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41 and 43) and 3' splicing sites (SEQ ID NOS:20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42) are also shown.--